THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There are no proposals at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Communication facilities to remote areas

633. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the communication facilities have been extended to remote and in accessible areas of the country by using the INSAT Satellite System;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have proposed to extend telecommunication facilities to all big villages with a population of five thousand or more during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Earth Stations opened in Remote and inaccessible areas for extending telecommunication facilities are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) The policy of the Government is to provide telecom. facility on fully subsidised basis within about 5 kms. of every inhabited place. For this purpose country has been divided into hexagons whose each side is 5 kilometers and a village preferably at Panchayat Headquarter in it, is earmarked for providing telecom. facility. During the coming 8th Plan, it is planned to provide at least one telecom. facility in all the left out hexagons in the country. It is expected that all the villages with a population of 5000 or more will get covered

Statement

Details of operational earth stations including those in Remote and Inaccessible Areas.

ANDHRA PRADESH	*MEGHALAYA*
Hyderbad	Shillong
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	*MIZORAM*
Itanagar	Aizwal
Deparezo	*NAGALAND*
Seppa	Kohima
Anini	Tuensang
Along	*ORISSA*
Tezu	Phoolbani
Zero	Bhubaneshwar
ASSAM	*PUNJAB*
Tejpur	Jullandher
BIHAR	*RAJASTHAN*
Patna	Jaipur
GOA	Jodhpur
Panjim	Jaisalmer
GUJARAT	*TAMIL NADU*
Ahmedabad	Madras-I
Bhuj	Madras-II
HIMACHAL PRADESH	*SIKKIM*
Kulu	Gangtok
Keylong	*TRIPURA*
Kalpa	*Agartala*
JAMMU & KASHMIR	*Belonia*
Leh	*UTTAR PRADESH*
Srinagar	Lucknow
Doda	Uttarkashi
Rajouri	Joshimath (Garhwal)
Kargil	
Poonch	*WEST BENGAL*
KERALA	Calcutta-I
Eranakulam	Calcutta-II

MAHARASHTRA
Bombay-I
Bombay-II
MANIPUR
Imphal

A&N ISLANDS
Port Blair.
Car Nicobar
Mayabander
DELHI
Delhi-I
Delhi-II
LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS
Kavaratti
Minicoy

Expansion Programme for Tamil Nadu Telecomm. Circle

634. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY
SHRI T.R. BALU:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and capacities of the new exchanges opened in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle during the last three years, yearwise:

(b) how many telecom. exchanges were expanded during this period and to what extent; and

(c) what are the expansion plans for Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) (a) The information for the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 is given in the enclosed statements I, II, III respectively

(b) About 593 exchanges were expanded with capacity addition of about 48245 lines.

(c) It is proposed to add about 20,500 lines during the year 1988-89 and 14,600 Lines during the year 1989-90

Statement-I

New Exchanges Opened During 1985-86

Sl. No.	Name of Exchange	Capacity
1.	Ranipet Sipcot	400
2.	Ullikottai	45
3.	Melathiruppan-thuruthi	45
4.	Purathakudi	25
5.	Vellakadai	25
6.	Sempizamadevi	25
7.	Sowahapuram	45
8.	Alampoondi	25
9.	Avenipur	25
10.	Kambiliampatti	25
11.	Thandampalayanam	4
12	Kalloorani	25
13.	Ketti	45
14.	Kovilpalayam	25
15.	Varatanpalli	25
16.	Elakurichi	25
17.	Athiyur	25
18.	G: Udayapatti	25
19	Pachaperumalpatti	25
20.	Navalurkuttapattu	45
21.	Pundupattinam	25
22.	Anaicut	25
23.	Chinnapallikuppam	25
24.	Cauverinagar	25
25.	Arasarkulam	45
26.	Kottaipattinam	45
27.	Mudalipalayam	25
28.	S. Kumarapalayam	25
29.	Kadalaliyur	25
30	Sivalingapuram	10
31.	Mettukondu	10
32.	M. Reddipatti	25
33.	Therampalayam	25
34.	Varadanallur	25
35.	Vellaraveli	35
36.	Vembakkam	25
37.	Poottuthkku	45
38.	Vakkadai	25
39.	Kalamarudur	25
40	Murukkeri	25
41.	Vallam	25
42.	Olakkur	25
43.	Thulpur	25